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# Coolagong, Kimbolton



Review of C\* Grade Buildings  
in the Former City of  
Hawthorn

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## Location

6 Brook Street HAWTHORN, Boroondara City

## Municipality

BOROONDARA CITY

## Level of significance

Included in Heritage Overlay

## Heritage Overlay Numbers

HO447

## Heritage Listing

Boroondara City

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## Statement of Significance

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*Coolagong*, 6 Brook Street, Hawthorn, is of local historical and architectural significance. It is a fine and generally intact example of a Federation-Italianate hybrid dwelling which was common in Boroondara around 1900, but less so in Hawthorn. *Coolagong* is one of a very few houses in Hawthorn which exhibit this combination of distinctive design characteristics - latticed gable-fronts, tall window proportions, ogee-sectioned eave friezes, and accentuated course lines - in an overall composition which is assured and well executed. The house also has

some presence on the street, with the generous allotment and garden setback allowing for an appreciation of the overall building form.

Heritage Study/Consultant	Boroondara - Review of C* Grade Buildings in the Former City of Hawthorn, Lovell Chen Architects & Heritage Consultants, 2006; Boroondara - Hawthorn Heritage Study, Meredith Gould Conservation Architects, 1993;
Construction dates	1904,
Other Names	Coolagong, Kimbolton,
Hermes Number	14549
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## Physical Description 1

*Coolagong*, 6 Brook Street, Hawthorn, is a single-storey brick residence in the Federation-Italianate design. Its main roof is slate clad, with iron ridge-capping; the slate tiling is bisected with a decorative three-course polygonal pattern. The chimneys have exposed tuck pointed face brick stacks and heavily sculpted stucco cornices. The external walls are in tuck pointed exposed red face brick, on a bluestone plinth, with double rendered courses. The return verandah, splayed at the corner and with a latticed gablet over, has a roof of corrugated galvanized steel, cast iron lacework frieze, cast iron columns, and tiled floor with a bluestone edge. The verandah is flanked at each end with projecting wings, topped with gables faced in a diagonal (diamond) lattice pattern of timber strapping laid over a stucco background. The gables sit on a rough cast stucco frieze (inverted ogee in section) that continues on under the main roof eaves. The south projecting wing has a canted bay, with tall timber-framed sash windows (proportioned in a roughly 3:1 ratio between main lights and high lights, in the Norman Shaw-free style pattern favoured in the Federation period), with flat lintels. A three-light window is located at the splayed corner, with a double-light window, with flat lintels, in the east projecting wing. The front door case appears to be original, and the door window and sidelights are leaded in a William Montgomery-style art-nouveau pattern. The driveway is asphalt, and the garage which was added in 1975 is detailed in similar manner to the main dwelling. An open rear verandah was also added the following year.[i] The front picket fence is more recent.

[i] City of Hawthorn Building Index, Permit #12229, dated 26 August 1975 (garage), and #12584, dated 26 February 1976 (rear verandah).

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